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1. [REDACTED] about ten jet aircraft were [REDACTED] in flight over Budapest from a point on the Danube (Kilometer Markers 1626-1628) opposite the transmitting antenna of Radio Budapest. The aircraft, which appeared to be flying much more slowly than MIG-15, were apparently shooting landings. They were flying singly, and at no point did they have their landing gear down.

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2. The aircraft was described as being much larger than the MIG-15 and as having two jet-propulsion units located in the wings, one third of the distance from the fuselage. The wings were rounded at the tips and slightly swept back. The rudder fin had a sweep back, curved leading edge, rounded into the top, which came to a point at the rear; the trailing edge was a concave curve roughly parallel to the leading edge. The aircraft was silver or silver-grey in color and was marked with a red five-pointed star on the rudder. The engines protruded from the wings fore and aft and the round aperture at the rear end of each tube was noticeable. The fuselage had a blunt nose and was generally round, tapering to the tail. No cockpit could be seen on the dorsal side of the fuselage nor any bomb-bays or landing gear on the ventral side.

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1. [REDACTED] Comments: Similar aircraft, flying in formation, were observed from the same point in May and July 1952.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] the aircraft were light bombers.

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